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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q68236

Yoshiharu SASAKI

Appln. No.: 10/054,279

Group Art Unit: 2854

Confirmation No.: 6321

Examiner: Anthony H. Nguyen

Filed: January 24, 2002

For: RECORDING APPARATUS AND METHOD OF FOREIGN MATERIAL REMOVAL
THEREOF

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Election of Species requirement, Applicants elect Species I, Figure(s) 5-9, 24, 25, 27-29, 32 and 36-43 for examination on which claims 1-7 and 24-51 are readable. This election is made without traverse.

Applicants reserve the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected claims 8-23 and 52-60.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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